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PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

SKEIKY and GUDERIAN

Application No.: 09/684,215

Filed: October 6, 2000

For: METHODS OF USING A
MYCOBACTERIUM TUBERCULOSIS
CODING SEQUENCE TO FACILITATE
STABLE AND HIGH YIELD
EXPRESSION OF THE
HETEROLOGOUS PROTEINS

Examiner: Liu, Samuel Wei

Art Unit: 1653

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed August 26, 2002. A Petition for a three-month extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith in a separate paper to extend the time for response to on or before February 26, 2003. Also submitted are formal drawings with a Notice to the Draftsperson as required by the Office Action. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: